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5. (Internal Use Only - LLM) LIAISON Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, called in connection with the stories in the paper today that the 40 Committee had had no meetings during the period 1972 through 1974 and said he had been instructed to find out the facts. I said that I believe that the lack of meetings is essentially correct but that the real point is whether the actions were coordinated, and they were, through papers, phone calls, and supporting staff procedures. McConnell said that they would like to have a letter from the Director on this. Mr. Cary will follow-up.

6. (Internal Use Only - LLM) LEGISLATION Sheridan Brinley, AID, called acknowledging receipt of the points paper we had sent to him last night for use in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee backup book in connection with the McGovern amendment, #959 to H.R. 9005. He indicated he would use a great majority of it except for the separation of powers argument. I said I could appreciate the political expediency in doing this but as a matter of principle it is the soundest and strongest argument.

7. (Internal Use Only - LLM) LIAISON Tim Ingram, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Government Information & Individual Rights, House Government Operations Committee, called prior to our session scheduled for 1:30 p.m. today to ask if we would be bringing with us the reports prepared by Arthur Dooley as a result of his periodic review of the Warren Commission material in the possession of the Archives. After checking with [] C/Services Staff, I informed Ingram that there were no reports but rather letters to the Archivist and we had authorized the Archivist to send two of those letters to the Subcommittee.

Later, in the company of [] met with Ingram, Bill Florence, of the Subcommittee staff, and Donovan Gay, of the Library of Congress, to discuss the guidelines used by the Agency in connection with the declassification of information, particularly the Warren Commission information. The session went very well and Ingram said he would send us a letter covering the follow-ups from the session. Mr. Florence seemed to be primarily interested in the mechanism and laws relating to the Freedom of Information Act. Mr. Donovan, who apparently has reviewed much of the Warren Commission holdings in the Archives, was basically interested in whether we would use the national security "excuse" for non-declassification. Mr. Ingram seemed to be interested in assuring that the material we were reviewing for declassification included material which may have developed subsequent to the Warren Commission investigation and especially any material provided the Rockefeller Commission. Ingram maintains that there were four not three periodic reviews and reports to the Archives. [] will check to see if there was a letter to the Archivist on this.

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17. [] ADMINISTRATIVE - DELIVERIES

Dropped off with Guy McConnell, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, a letter from the Director to Senator John McClellan (D., Ark.), Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Also dropped off a copy of the same letter with Austin Smith for Representative George Mahon (D., Texas), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Defense, House Appropriations Committee, for the information of the Chairman.

18. [] LIAISON Called Senator Milton

Young (R., N. Dak.) and thanked him for his efforts in helping us [] I told him that the President had personally reviewed the program and approved it.

19. [] LIAISON Received a call from George

Murphy, Executive Director, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, who said that there was an article in the Chicago Tribune this morning stating that somewhere in the Soviet Union there is now a big hole where something used to be. The Chicago Tribune stated that they have reports that a fast breeder reactor had exploded. I told him that I would check and get back to him. After checking with [] OSI, I told Murphy that we were aware of the rumor but had no information to support it. I added that ERDA issued a press release to this effect.

20. [] LIAISON Called Dan Spiegel, Legislative Assistant to Senator Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.), to ask for the Senator's assistance regarding Senator George McGovern's (D., S. Dak.) amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act []

[] I told Spiegel that, as he knew, Senator Humphrey was very much involved in the floor debate of Section 662 last year and expressed concern about the need for maintaining security. Spiegel suggested that the Senator would be very responsive to a call from Mr. Colby. I agreed and told Spiegel that I would suggest to Mr. Colby that he call the Senator and discuss this matter with him directly.

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